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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CREECH et al.

Application No.: 09/927,267

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: CNG2B: A NOVEL HUMAN
CYCLIC NUCLEOTIDE-GATED ION
CHANNEL

Examiner: M. Hartley

Art Unit: 1616

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

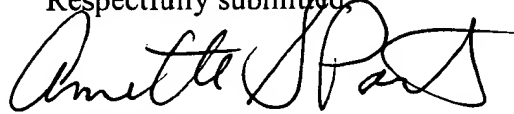
In response to the restriction requirement mailed April 10, 2002, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, 19, and 20 for prosecution in this application. The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the two groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-II would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

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A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from May 10, 2002 to June 10, 2002, is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette S. Parent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Annette" being more legible than the last name "Parent".

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